

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN
VICE CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA K. HUBBARD
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

Judge James E. Lockemy, Chief Administrative Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit – addressed County Council with a request for Council to consider appropriating \$25,000-\$30,000 in funds to bring an additional part-time assistant solicitor on board for Marlboro County. This person would be responsible for helping with the prosecution of cases in general sessions court. He advised there are approximately 1,100 cases pending in general sessions, including one murder case which dates back to 1994. There are also numerous other cases which date back to 1999. He stated Dillon County was previously in the same shape with approximately 1500 cases on the docket. They went from a part time Solicitor to a full time Solicitor, which has proved beneficial for them. Their docket is now about four hundred (400) cases – approximately 1/3 of what Marlboro County has.

Judge Lockemy asked Council to consider several things. He requested the Council allow him to talk with them every two or three months. Also, he asked them to consider two things – receiving updates on a regular 2/3 month schedule from the Solicitor on the disposition of cases in the county and second to come up with the funds to hire a second part-time solicitor. He advised that with only one part time assistant solicitor, we are missing funds from the bondsman. He pledged that if the County will contribute \$25,000-\$30,000 a year to get another part time solicitor for Marlboro County, not only will he work hard to complete the docket and get it lower, he'll guarantee it. He said that if these accomplishments have not been completed by the end of his term, the County can stop it.

Judge Lockemy advised that the Solicitor would have to do the hiring, but we can set the stipulation that if we do the funding – we will have to be involved in the hiring process. He also advised we could set the requirement that the funding will be there only as long as the assistant solicitor concentrates only on Marlboro County.

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman advised Judge Lockemy that this issue would be placed on the Agenda for the April meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the minutes of February 10, 2005. Vote in favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue, Mrs. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, and Ms. Corrie Hicks Plato. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 590 – AN ORDINANCE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW RADIO CONSOLES FOR E-911 - THIRD READING

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie H. Plato approving the third reading of Ordinance # 590 – An Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriation from Special Funds for the purchase of new radio consoles for E-911. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF KNIGHT – REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sheriff Fred Knight addressed County Council. Accompanying Sheriff Knight was his Chief Deputy, Charles Lemon. Sheriff Knight asked for \$30,000 from contingency funds to see the Sheriff's Office through June 30th. He had spoken with the Finance Supervisor and determined this amount would see his office through the end of the fiscal year. He asked to address Council of another issue. He stated that he has been in office for nine (9) weeks. and

he has five (5) investigators that have been very active. He stated all five investigators have been sharing one office, which is not ample space. They have had to conduct interviews in other offices as well in the parking lot. He stated the bottom line is, if Marlboro County wants to have a professional law enforcement agency, we're going to have to have space to work in. He advised he is very interested in a vacant building located beside the Post Office on West Main street. The building would provide adequate parking as well as fifteen (15) office spaces, a conference room, reception area, computer room and kitchen. He advised the owner of the building is willing to lease, sale, or lease with the option to buy. He advised he is looking into grant opportunities for office space. He presented a copy of the appraisal of the building to County Council and advised he believes we can get the building for less than this amount. He stated he is trying to save funds by cutting overtime hours of employees. He also advised his chief deputy has contacted the federal prison concerning civil papers that the Sheriff's Department has been serving at the Federal prison and that each time they serve civil papers, the sheriff's department will receive \$75.00 per paper and these funds will go into the general funds. Sheriff Knight requested any consideration Council may give. Mr. Edmond Blue asked if Mr. Knight had considered the Plaza Building. Sheriff Knight advised he would look at the Plaza Building. Council did express some concern over removal of the Sheriff's office from the Courthouse due to security issues, however, did acknowledge the vacancy could provide needed storage space for other offices. Mr. Allen advised we will work on the areas of need. He advised we do have a Grant Writer who will work with his office in trying to secure funds.

ORDINANCE # 591 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2006-2010. – FIRST READING

Discussed in Worksession.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the first reading of Ordinance # 591 – An Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the period of FY 2006-2010. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 592 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD TO PROVIDE PARAMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY. – FIRST READING

Ms. Corrie Plato discussed briefly. She advised the Public Safety Committee has held several meetings to review the current EMS service in the County and to begin negotiations of renewal of these services. Marlboro Rescue presented three proposals of which the Public Safety Committee recommended proposal number two (2) of which she read the proposal offer. She stated the committee feels strongly that this proposal will provide the level of service which the citizens of Marlboro County deserve. She advised there is a significant increase in cost for their service. She stated that the Hospital Charities Trust Finance committee has been involved in this

process. The Public Safety Committee has requested that the Hospital Charities Trust increase it's funding to assist in our efforts to provide the best care for the Citizens of Marlboro County. She advised Marlboro County currently funds EMS Rescue Transfer Service at \$369,930. The Hospital Charities Trust is interested in seeing what the County intends to do before making a commitment for additional funds.

Mr. Quick asked if they would have to construct a new station in the Wallace area. He was advised they would not. They would probably place a mobile home in the area. It was discussed that because of equipment and other reasons, it was not a viable option for Marlboro to use Wallace's station. Wallace is currently a back up unit and responds to some calls. Council was advised that Clio is still a backup unit which responds only when Marlboro needs their assistance. Dr. Prince asked if the volunteers that will be in existence still expect money. She was advised it had been discussed to disperse the funds to Marlboro Rescue who would in turn funnel the funds to Wallace and Clio on an as needed basis. It was also noted McColl and Marlboro have merged.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the first reading of Ordinance # 592 recommending proposal # 2 – An Ordinance authorizing Marlboro County to enter into an agreement with the Marlboro County Rescue Squad to provide paramedic level emergency service and transfer service throughout Marlboro County. Vote in favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mrs. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, and Ms. Corrie H. Plato. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince and Mr. Edmond Blue (left conference room during motion). Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 06-01-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS).

Ms. Hubbard advised this is a comprehensive National approach to incident management that is applicable to all jurisdictional levels. The intent of the NIMS is to be applicable across the full spectrum of potential incidents and hazardous scenarios regardless of size or complexity, improve the co-ordination and co-operation between public and private entities in the variety of domestic incident management activities. This is coming from the Homeland Security Offices – it is required. It requires the adoption of NIMS by State and local organizations as a condition for Federal Preparedness assistance: grants, contracts and other activities by FY 2005.

Motion made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving Resolution # 06-01-01 – A Resolution establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Vote in favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mrs. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright, Dr. Carolyn Prince, and Ms. Corrie H. Plato. Abstain: Mr. Edmond Blue (not in conference room). Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 06-01-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES NECESSARY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE RAIL LINE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO MOHAWK INDUSTRIES, INC. – OAK RIVER MILL SITE

Ms. Hubbard advised this is approximately 1.7 acres owned by three (3) property owners. This property is needed for a safer operation of the rail lines. She advised Mr. McDonald, County Attorney is carrying out the negotiations. Funds will be deducted from the funds received from Aberdeen and Rockfish. No general funds will be involved.

A motion was made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 06-01-02 – A Resolution approving the acquisition of Properties necessary for the Rehabilitation of the Rail line to provide service to Mohawk Industries, Inc. – Oak River Mill Site. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

BIDS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT ITEMS

Mr. Roy Allison, E-911 Director addressed County Council in Worksession to advise of his recommendations. He advised all the items requested are covered by Grant funds received under the Homeland Security Grant. Mr. Allison stated that all the items recommended were not the lowest bids – some were recommended due to the quality item. He believed safety of the responders should be taken into consideration.

MULTI GAS MONITOR - Bids were received from Safety Products, Inc. - \$4,257.31 (shipping not included), Safety Plus - \$4,960.78 (shipping & tax included) Fisher Safety- \$5,590.80 (shipping & tax included). Staff recommended Safety Products, Inc for \$4,257.31 (shipping not included).

BUTYL GLOVES – Bids were received from Safety Products, Inc. - \$120.52 (shipping not included), Debco - \$208.45, Fisher Scientific - \$136.99 (shipping not included), and Aramsco - \$81.41. Staff recommended Safety Products, Inc. for the amount of \$120.52 (shipping not included).

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL BOOTS – Bids were received from Safety Products, Inc. - \$1,123.18 (shipping not included), Debco - \$1,523.95, Fisher Scientific - \$1,173.48 and Aramsco - \$768.08. Staff recommended Safety Products, Inc. for the amount of \$1,123.18 (shipping not included)

DUPONT RESPONDERS TRAINING SUITS – Bids were received from Safety Products, Inc. - \$474.88 (shipping not included), Debco - \$1,127.50, Fisher Scientific - \$496.78, and Safety Plus - \$961.80. Staff recommended Safety Products, Inc. for the amount of \$1,127.50 (shipping not included)

DECONTAMINATION HOOP WASH – Bids were received from Debco - \$639.35. Staff recommended Debco for the amount of \$639.35.

NEOPRENE GLOVES – Bids were received from Safety Products, Inc. - \$430.44 (shipping not included), Debco – 630.27, Fisher Scientific - \$377.72, and Aramsco - \$178.40 (6 Pair) & \$1,926.63 (6 Dozen). Staff recommended Safety Products, Inc. for the amount of \$430.44 (shipping not included).

A motion was made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean to accept all the recommended bids as outlined by staff. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 593 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF PROPERTY TO MARLBORO WAREHOUSE, INC. – FIRST READING.

Ms. Hubbard advised the appraisal received for the property is \$7000.00. The previous appraisal was \$7500. The fluctuation is due to economic conditions and the activity in that area. She advised the appraisal fee along with other incurred expenses would be included in the sales price.

Motion made by Mrs. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince approving the first reading of Ordinance # 593 – An Ordinance to authorize the sale of property to Marlboro Warehouse, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF REQUEST FROM EVANS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BERM FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

Ms. Hubbard advised Council that a berm is a shooting range – 300 foot long, 25 feet high, with a 25 foot width. She advised the Public Works Director advised it should take personnel approximately seven (7) days to complete the project. The dirt for the project is already located on the property. The cost to County would be labor. Mr. Allen asked if they would allow the Sheriff's Department to train there. He suggested tabling the decision for further discussion. Mr. Gray Bostick advised he would talk to the Federal Correctional Facility officials about incorporating all agencies into their range. He advised the range is off site.

Motion was made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to table the Disposition of request from Evans Correctional Facility for Public Works to assist in the construction of a berm for training purposes for further discussion. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS IN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Ms. Hubbard advised this is cosmetic improvement only to the Plaza Building. The only planned improvement is to paint the Plaza lettering and the lines above the Plaza Building and the sides of the building. It will blend in with their other improvements.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the request for authorization to enter agreement with City of Bennettsville for Façade

Improvements in the Historic District at no cost to the County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN FY 06 PREAPPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Hubbard discussed briefly.

A motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the authorization for the Administrator to sign FY 06 Preapplication for Federal Assistance for Airport Improvements.

TRANSFER STATION/SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Hubbard advised Waste Management is offering a \$1.00 host fee for out of County waste. A \$1.00 host fee per ton would generate approximately \$37,000 to \$55,000 based on Waste Management tonnage estimates. Waste Management is willing to consider constructing a convenience center site close to the transfer station site in Wallace and possibly assisting with siting a public park in the Wallace community. Ms. Hubbard asked what Council's preference would be regarding the convenience center at that location with Waste Management constructing it for the County and stated that Waste Management is also open to operating our convenience center. Ms. Hubbard requested Council's direction as to how they would like her to proceed. Mr. Allen advised with the Consensus of all Council members that Ms. Hubbard proceed with negotiations and that Council wanted Waste Management to be responsible for maintaining the road going into the Transfer Station – the contract should stipulate this and the county would operate the convenience center. He said this is his recommendation and asked Council Members for their opinions.

Mr. Gray Bostick, Planning and Zoning advised there have been trouble with the City of Bennettsville Transfer station which has delayed collections in the rural areas. This project may alleviate some of these problems.

Ms. Hubbard advised the Solid Waste Management Plan will have to be updated to incorporate the fact a transfer station may be allowed in Marlboro County. Ms. Hubbard noted the plan is in the process of being updated. The document will be presented to Council once updated.

Ms. Hubbard noted the transportation and disposal of waste at our convenience center should be bid in the near future and noted Waste Management was not handling that activity.

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council was advised that Pee Dee Work Force Investments has sent a letter advising that two (2) of their board member terms are coming up for expiration – Rena Parker and James Roberts.

Both board members would like to continue serving on this board, and has requested Council consider reappointing both board members.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to reappoint Ms. Rena Parker and Mr. James Roberts to the Pee Dee Work Force Investment Board. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Mr. Jeff Quick advised the Recreation Committee had met with Mr. Max Alderman and Mr. Dennis Miller of the City of Bennettsville to discuss the two Recreation Departments. He advised the meeting went well and they have agreed that the City and County will each take care of their own properties. They will meet again in the future to discuss other recreation issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA K. HUBBARD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Hubbard presented the Administrative/Financial Report.

The Expenditures are at 65% through the 28th of February. General Funds are in line.

The three year agreement with the outside auditing firm ended with the 2004 audit. She advised professional services are not required to bid based on our purchasing ordinance. She inquired how Council wanted to proceed. Mr. Allen, Chairman advised that Mr. Myers has done an excellent job and we should consider retaining his services. Everyone was in agreement.

Ms. Hubbard advised the Grant Writer, Mrs. Dottie Fowler is on board. Mrs. Fowler previously worked with the City of Bennettsville.

Ms. Hubbard updated Council on progress of the Landscaping project. County staff will be preparing for the landscaping and the sundial should be moved during this process. The painting is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ completed, but has been placed on hold for several weeks due to Court Sessions. Requests for bids for the landscaping to include the turf, etc. should be released with bids available for Council consideration in April.

An I-73 meeting was held in Dillon in which Ms. Hubbard attended. She spoke with the environmental engineers in reference to Marlboro County. The engineers advised the agreement between NC and SC will now allow the group to move forward in studying the areas of Marlboro County. They anticipate holding a similar meeting in Marlboro County for the citizens to review the proposed plans possibly by year end.

Ms. Hubbard met with Dr. Carter of Francis Marion along with other Administrators in the Pee Dee Area to discuss NESA. Dr. Carter advised NESA representatives should be prepared to

meet with the counties in the near future to discuss their plans and participation expectations of the member counties.

Oak River has finalized their rail design. The engineers should be prepared to bid the project in the near future.

Ms. Hubbard has been advised Wallace Water Company has obtained land for the water tank for the Palmetto Brick project. The engineers should be moving forward with the project also.

Sopakco expressed an interest in Industrial Revenue Bonds for a possible expansion. No details are available at this point. No County funds would be involved – this would be a Bond issue.

Ms. Hubbard has been working with Semaphore, Inc. the company Mr. Bill Fleming brought in to assist with the image campaign. Semaphore is assisting with the design/bid of the Welcome Signs for Marlboro County. The most cost effective way to complete this project is to produce all signs at once.

Ms. Hubbard advised the Economic Development Director, Butch Mills will begin his duties at the end of March.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST

Jennings Hayes addressed County Council concerning a drainage problem he has been experiencing. He advised he has spoken with Sidney Wallace, Public Works director several times about the problem. The ditch stays ½ full of water at all times. He asked Council to allow Sidney to place gravel in the ditch – this should alleviate the problem. Council advised they would look into the situation.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Edmond Blue asked if the Sheriff was going to take office space in the Plaza Building. He was advised Ms. Hubbard was to show the building to the Sheriff on Friday morning.

Mrs. Jean McLean introduced her daughter, Leslie Jean to Council members.

Mr. Jeff Quick advised the Senate is trying to push through the Hog Bill. He believes this is a direct result of Marlboro County Council failing to make a decision at the January meeting concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Quick advised he planned to attend the meeting in Columbia and asked other Council members to attend also.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were adopted April 14, 2005 Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council